

# YOKOHAMA CREATIVE CITY CENTER

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## Arts Commission Yokohama

ACY is a project aimed at supporting Yokohama's creative community by offering advice and assistance to those wishing to pursue their art or creative practice in the city. This includes helping artists to access residency programs, and to find studios and exhibition venues. Contact the ACY Lounge to make an appointment and discuss how we can help you make the most of what Yokohama has to offer.

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<http://www.yaf.or.jp/artscommission/>



Yokohama Creativecity Center (YCC) is a project based in the former Yokohama premises of the Dai-Ichi Bank, one of the city's foremost heritage buildings.

The Yokohama city government has adopted a "Creative City" strategy channeling artistic and cultural creativity into revitalization of parts of the city and their communities.

To achieve this aim of urban renewal through the arts and creative industries, the City of Yokohama and the Yokohama Arts Foundation established Arts Commission Yokohama (ACY) as an intermediary between the municipal authorities and local communities. ACY's role is to make the city an even more user-friendly location for artists and other creatives, NPOs, local residents, companies, schools--in other words everyone vital to Yokohama's future as a creative hub--by providing a one-stop shop for advice on art-related activities, and a range of assistance programs. ACY is now expanding from the arts into industry promotion and wider urban renewal, and to facilitate a more integrated approach to the Creative City concept has set up the Yokohama Creativecity Center.

YCC aims to provide comprehensive support to Yokohama's creative sector by offering a place where people can meet and mingle, with creative and inspiring results.



# Yokohama Creativity Center - championing creativity!

## Promotion

Easy access to the latest information on Yokohama arts initiatives and attractions

Showcasing the latest developments on the city's arts scene and beyond from a variety of perspectives, via local tours offering the chance to meet Yokohama arts personalities and sample what makes the city unique, plus Yokohama's own culture and creativity webzine (Japanese only)

## Wide-ranging Grant programs

Multidimensional support for the creative sector

The aim is to cultivate the optimal environment for today's increasingly diverse arts and cultural scene via a variety of programs facilitating cutting-edge art-related activities by artists, corporates etc., plus intermediary services and help to set up studios and offices.

## ACY Lounge

One-stop shop for advice and study tours

Looking to base your art practice or creative business in Yokohama? Look no further! As well as providing information and advice for those wanting to pursue creative work in the city, the Lounge organizes study tours for domestic and international groups eager to learn from Yokohama's Creative City endeavors.

## Property services

Developing new spaces for artists and creatives

YCC will help you put together the perfect studio, office, or other creative space, and also runs model projects diverting private buildings for art use.

## ACY seminar programs

Invaluable classes for artists and creatives

Regular, practical classes on topics of interest to those in the creative sector such as copyright, tax, and accessing grant funds.

## Artist-in-residence exchanges

Intercity exchanges connecting Yokohama with Asia

Showcasing the work of up-and-coming international artists, mainly from Asian cities, and arranging for young Japanese artists to live and work overseas.

# Urban renewal through art and creativity, Yokohama style

### Creative City Yokohama

Yokohama is a harbor city with a unique history and vibrant culture. Since opening up to the world in 1859, the city has been a gateway to Japan, an arrival and departure point for a dizzying array of people, goods, news and information, in the process developing into an exciting cultural nexus. "Creative City Yokohama" is an approach to urban renewal that combines civic resources found only in Yokohama with the creative power of art and culture to generate new value for the city and make it an even more attractive place to be. Numerous ventures are currently in progress, based on a vision for the city that fuses ideas and infrastructure in arts and culture, business promotion, and the development of new urban spaces.

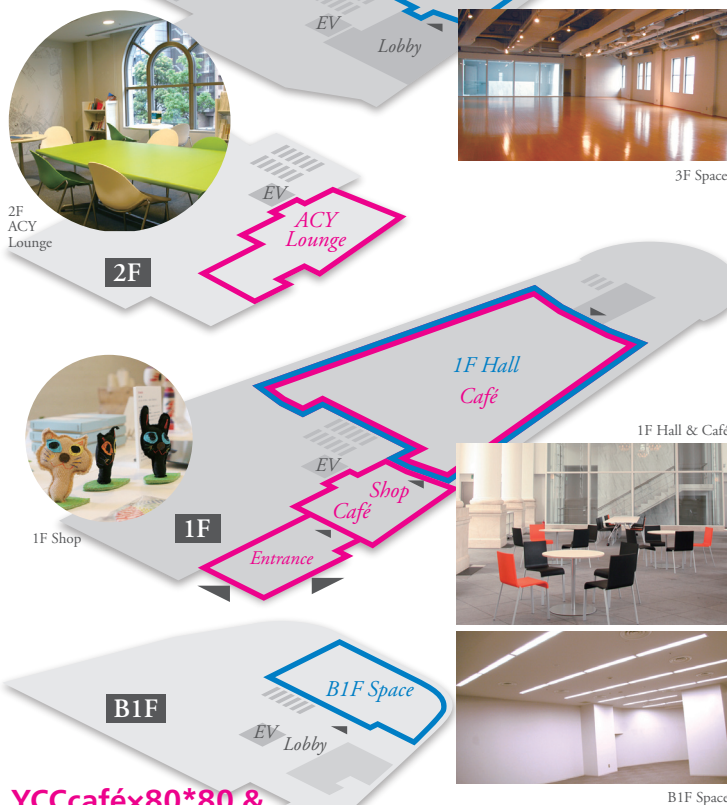


Webzine  
**Yokohama Sozo Kaiwai**

<http://www.yaf.or.jp/yccmag/>

Online magazine showcasing the best of the Yokohama art scene, mainly trends in the "Creative Core Areas" (=Sozo Kaiwai) home to a high concentration of art spaces.

### Yokohama Creativity Center Floor Guide



### YCCcaféx80\*80 & YCC shop "Minato Poopo"

Shop and dine amid the striking surroundings of the historic former Dai-Ichi Bank building. Enjoy healthy cafe dishes prepared in partnership with 80\*80, a local Bashamichi cafe committed to serving locally-produced, natural food. Browse a huge range of artist merchandise, art publications and books on Yokohama in "Minato Poopo".



### Renting space

Spaces at YCC are also available for general use. Rooms on three floors: the 1F, 3F and B1F, can be booked for concerts, exhibitions, and other events. We welcome your ideas for making the most of what YCC has to offer as a venue.

3F space	300m <sup>2</sup>	Capacity: approx. 200
1F hall	320m <sup>2</sup>	Capacity: approx. 200 (160 seated)
B1F space	80m <sup>2</sup>	Capacity: approx. 50

## Yokohama Creativity Center

### History

The former Dai-Ichi Bank is a listed heritage building, constructed in 1929 in the Classical style as the bank's Yokohama branch, then later moved to its present site and restored to its former glory. A standout feature of this attractive building is its balcony of Tuscan order columns. In 2004 the building became home to "BankART1929 Yokohama", the first in a series of municipal experiments using heritage buildings to promote creativity in the arts and culture. BankART 1929 has since grown to play a leading role in the Yokohama art scene. Since May 2009 the building has once again taken on a new identity, this time as the "Yokohama Creativity Center", a base for pushing forward the Creative City Yokohama strategy combining art, urban renewal, and business promotion.

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### Access

Location  
6-50-1 Honcho, Naka-ku Yokohama 231-8315  
Minato Mirai Line, Bashamichi Station, Exit 1b  
Connected directly to the Noge/  
Sakuragicho exit (Island Tower passage)  
Five minutes' walk from JR and subway Sakuragicho Station  
Seven minutes from Kannai Station  
Please note the building does not have parking.  
Pay parking is available nearby.

